

STATE OF IOWA
DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
UTILITIES BOARD

IN RE: IES UTILITIES INC. and INTERSTATE POWER COMPANY	DOCKET NO. SPU-01-8
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ORDER GRANTING INTERVENTION

(Issued September 17, 2001)

On September 10, 2001, the Large Energy Group Intervention Alliance (LEGIA) filed with the Utilities Board (Board) a petition to intervene in Docket No. SPU-01-8. This docket will examine the request filed by IES Utilities Inc. (IES) and Interstate Power Company (Interstate) to reorganize their transmission assets and transfer operational control over substantial portions of their transmission facilities to the Midwest Independent System Operator, Inc. No objections to the petition to intervene have been filed.

In support of its petition to intervene, the LEGIA states that its current membership consists of 17 large electric customers of Interstate and IES. The LEGIA's current membership roster is attached to its petition. The LEGIA states it is interested in the reorganization docket because transfer of operational control of a substantial portion of IES' and Interstate's transmission assets will have potentially immense regulatory consequences with respect to the Board's jurisdiction, future operation of the transmission facilities, and wholesale and retail electric rates.

The petition to intervene will be granted. The LEGIA has demonstrated a unique interest in these proceedings that should be represented.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED:

The petition to intervene filed by the Large Energy Group Intervention Alliance on September 10, 2001, is granted.

UTILITIES BOARD

/s/ Allan T. Thoms

/s/ Diane Munns

ATTEST:

/s/ Judi K. Cooper
Executive Secretary

/s/ Mark O. Lambert

Dated at Des Moines, Iowa, this 17th day of September, 2001.